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SUBJ: PHASE III OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE, REPORT NO. 7 - SOVEREIGNTY

OVER NATURAL RESOURCES: SUBCOMMITTEE ONE, NOVEMBER 27

1. DEBATE ON THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES WAS AN EXAMPLE OF LATIN SOLIDARITY IN FULL FLOWER. THE PROPOSED PRINCIPLE, APPROVED BY ALL EXCEPT THE UNITED STATES, WAS A WORKING GROUP DRAFT AS MODIFIED BY BRAZIL AND ASSERTED THE AMERICAN STATES' "SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR NATURAL WEALTH AND RESOURCES AND THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO THE FREE DISPOSAL THEREOF."

2. THE U.S.-PROPOSED AMENDMENT, DESIGNED TO RELATE THE EXERCISE OF SUCH SOVEREIGNTY TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER STATES AND TO THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, WAS DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE. EIGHTEEN MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEMSELVES ON THE
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WORKING GROUP DRAFT AND THE U.S. AMENDMENT -- MORE THAN ON ANY

OTHER QUESTION DEBATED THUS FAR -- IN VIEWS RANGING FROM ACERBIC PANAMANIAN OBSERVATIONS (PITTY), THROUGH VARIOUS ASSERTIONS THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD DILUTE THE PRINCIPLE, TO MILD OBJECTIONS THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL, WHILE JURIDICALLY SOUND, WAS REPETITIOUS AND UNNECESSARY (URUGUAY). THE U.S. (JOVA) SAID IT COULD NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED TEXT UNLESS ITS AMENDMENT WERE ADDED. AFTER IT WAS ADOPTED OVER OUR OBJECTIONS WE ASKED THAT AN ASTERISK BE PLACED AGAINST THE PRINCIPLE WHICH WOULD ADD THE FOLLOWING PROVISIO, BASED LARGELY ON PARAGRAPH 5 OF UN RESOLUTION 1803: "THE FREE AND BENEFICIAL EXERCISE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF PEOPLES AND NATIONS OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES MUST BE FURTHERED BY THE MUTUAL RESPECT OF STATES BASED ON THEIR SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND BY RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

3. THE U.S. INTERVENTION INCLUDED THE POINTS THAT: THE HANDLING OF INCREASINGLY SCARCE RESOURCES HAVING GREATER AND GREATER IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE MIGHT REQUIRE SOME QUALIFICATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO DISPOSE OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND, INASMUCH AS THERE ARE SOME UNCERTAINTIES AS TO WHO IS SOVEREIGN OVER WHAT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEFINE A PRINCIPLE WHEN COMMON AGREEMENT DOES NOT EXIST ON PRECISELY TO WHAT THE PRINCIPLE APPLIES. SUBSEQUENTLY, PANAMA ALSO PLACED AN ASTERISK ON THE ARTICLE INDICATING THAT AS AN ANNEX TO THE ADOPTED PRINCIPLE, THE ENTIRE TEXT OF UN RESOLUTION 1803 WOULD BE ATTACHED IN ORDER TO PLACE THE PARAGRAPHS CITED BY THE U.S. IN PERSPECTIVE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE DEBATE WAS NOT POLEMICALLY ANTI-U.S. AND, EXCEPT FOR PANAMA, OBJECTIONS TO THE U.S. STANCE WERE COURTEOUS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS QUESTION RELEASES DEEPLY HELD LATIN NATIONALIST VIEWS ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES THE LATINIS RELATE TO SOVEREIGNTY--OWNERSHIP AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, EXPROPRIATION, ALLEGED ECONOMIC AGGRESSION OR COERCION. ARGENTINA'S QUIJANO, ALSO PRESENT AT BOGOTA, UNDERSCORED THIS POINT BY NOTING IN PRIVATE TALK WITH U.S. DELEGATION THAT WHAT THE LATINIS WANT MOST IS AN END TO ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS. (VAZQUEZ DISCUSSION WITH WHITE AS REPORTED IN STATE 232604 ALSO PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON U.S. ACTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL LENDING AGENCIES.)
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5. IN SHORT, WE HELD THE LINE FIRMLY BUT LOST IN A CONTEST WHOSE OUTCOME WAS PRE-ORDAINED. AT SOME LATER STAGE, IF THE U.S. HOPES FOR SOME LATIN ACCOMMODATION IN THE PRIVATE INVESTMENT AREA, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO FIND SOME FORMULA OR POLICY ADJUSTMENT WHICH WOULD MODIFY SOMEWHAT THE POSITION WE HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING.
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